

the enduring trust we have developed with our friend, the nation of Israel, and its people.

We, as the House of Representatives, should bring up H.R. 336, the comprehensive legislation addressing the anti-BDS issue. I encourage my colleagues to support additional measures to protect against the BDS movement and uphold our friendship with the great nation of Israel.

#### CELEBRATING THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, tomorrow we celebrate the 29th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a groundbreaking civil rights law that has improved the lives of millions across the Nation, including my own. However, the fight for equality and inclusion is not over.

Over the past year, I have collaborated with disability advocates and lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to pass bills that strengthen protections for airline passengers with disabilities, expand caregiver services for disabled veterans, and establish a more inclusive emergency preparedness and disaster planning process.

I have also called for the Federal Government to account for its hiring and retention of disabled workers, increased funding for spinal cord injury research, co-led legislation to help small businesses break down accessibility barriers and passed a bill in the House to authorize \$200 million for respite care services.

Madam Speaker, these efforts are only the beginning, and I cannot and will not stop fighting until we achieve the goal of equal opportunity, full inclusion, and economic self-sufficiency for people with disabilities everywhere.

#### WE MUST CONDEMN ANTI-SEMITISM

(Mr. BUDD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today because a resolution was introduced in this body last week supporting the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, or BDS movement, against the State of Israel. Again, seemingly right after this body passed another resolution condemning anti-Semitism, this backwards ideology has reared its ugly head once again in the form of H. Res. 496.

I have come to the floor today to speak to the supporters of bills like these and the 22 Members who either voted "nay" or "present" on H. Res. 246 earlier this week, to remind them that Israel is the only stable democracy in an otherwise volatile region of the world.

It is a place where women serve in the military and hold high office. It is a place where all people are able to express their views without threat from the government. It is a place where Arab citizens are elected to the Knesset. Bottom line, Israel values human rights.

Madam Speaker, we must condemn anti-Semitism no matter where it comes from, and I am glad the House did that earlier this week.

#### CELEBRATING AUGUST 4 AS COAST GUARD DAY

(Mr. CRIST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CRIST. Madam Speaker, today I rise to celebrate August 4 as Coast Guard Day, marking the service's founding by Alexander Hamilton in 1790. We are very grateful for the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard who selflessly serve America, both at home and abroad.

My congressional district of Pinellas County, Florida, is proud to be home to numerous Coast Guard commands, both ashore and afloat. We have the largest and busiest air station in the country, Air Station Clearwater, and a robust maritime operation at Sector St. Petersburg.

Coast Guard families serve as well, providing the Coasties themselves with the support and resilience they depend on to stand watch, day in and day out.

So, Madam Speaker, I would like to wish a happy 229th birthday to the United States Coast Guard.

#### FIRE PREVENTION

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago, on July 23, the Carr fire broke out in Shasta County, California, near Reading, sometimes referred to as a "firenado" that burned nearly 230,000 acres and destroyed 1,600 structures. Most tragically of all, it took eight lives.

It took over a month to fully extinguish what became one of the most destructive fires in California State history. For those impacted by it, it must have felt like the blink of an eye. Everything they owned went up in smoke.

Now, a year later, everyone is still working the recovery process as best as can be done. It is still not easy.

In the aftermath of this disaster, and even during it, our community showed just how strong and resilient our people are. Families, friends, and neighbors came together to help each other in any possible way, with water, food, clothes, everything they needed, and they have continued to do so for the whole year.

Some of the first homes are now being completed as people are moving forward, a good sign.

Preventing another fire like this is one of my top priorities. The Carr fire was started when a flat tire caused a wheel to scrape against the asphalt and create a spark in the nearby forested area; so I have introduced legislation called the CARR Act, Combustion Avoidance on Rural Roads Act, which helps avoid this sort of combustion on rural roads by allowing categorical exclusions to clear vegetation within 300 feet of a roadway.

We have got much to do, and for people who lost everything, this is prevention that will help keep it from happening again.

#### CONGRATULATING MIKE LANGFORD

(Mr. LEVIN of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mike Langford on his retirement.

Mike had served as the president of the Utility Workers Union of America since 2006 and has been a major leader of that union for many decades.

During his time at the UWUA, Mike has worked hard to bring about overdue reform that delivers safe, reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly utility services across this whole country.

I share his commitment to a cleaner environment and more affordable services for working families. And, as a former union organizer, I thank Mike for his outstanding dedication to American workers.

Indeed, I can personally attest to Mike's stalwart leadership of all American workers as a member of the AFL-CIO Executive Council. And I also want to point out that America's veterans have had no better friend than Mike Langford, who helped set up programs to train hundreds and thousands of them for careers in the utility industry.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Mike on his retirement and on wishing him the very best for the next chapter of his life.

#### BORDER SECURITY

(Mr. ROY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I would notice that there is a certain smell here of jet fumes; that this Chamber is completely empty, here, July 25, my colleagues—well, it is empty for the most part.

My colleagues are headed off to the airport to fly home; fly home for fundraisers, vacation.

But you know what they are not doing? Nobody in this body is going to stay here to secure the border of the